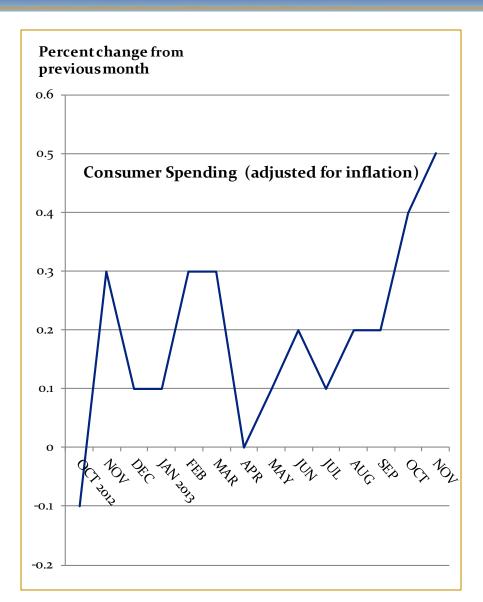


An Inside Look at U.S. Consumers

- Consumer spending adjusted for inflation was up 0.5% for November
 - 13 months of consecutive growth
- Spending on goods increased faster than spending on services
 - Spending (adjusted for inflation) on <u>Goods</u> grew 4.7% from a year ago
 - Spending on <u>Services</u> (adjusted for inflation) grew 1.5% from a year ago





What's The Latest Snapshot?

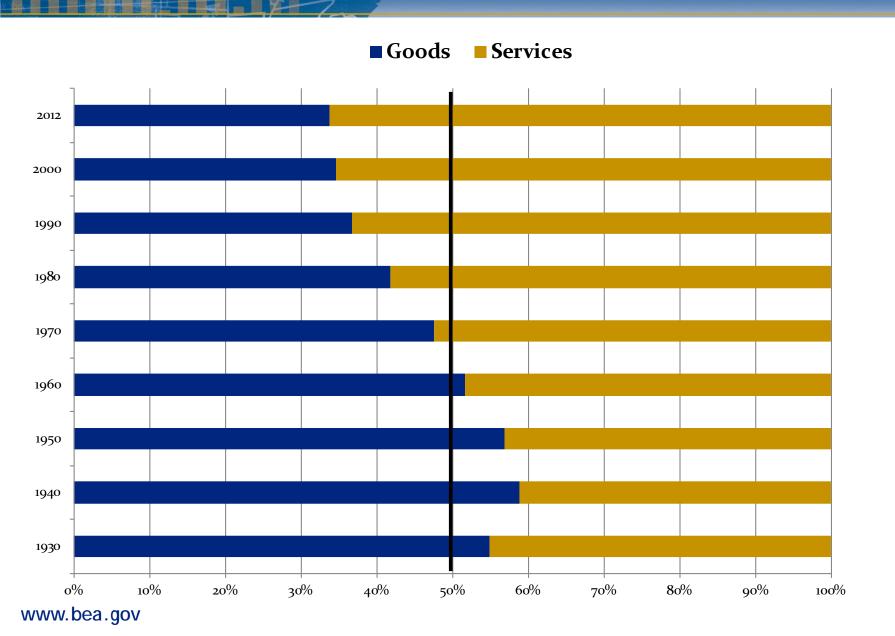
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Personal Income up 0.2% for November

Personal Saving Rate 4.2% for November

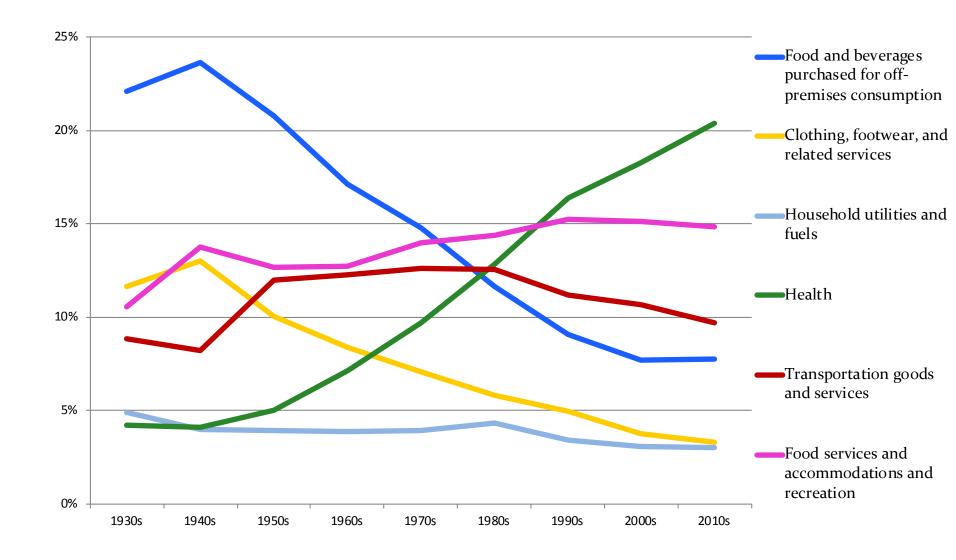
 U.S. economy grew at a pace of 4.1% in third quarter.

How Has Consumer Spending Changed Over the Decades?



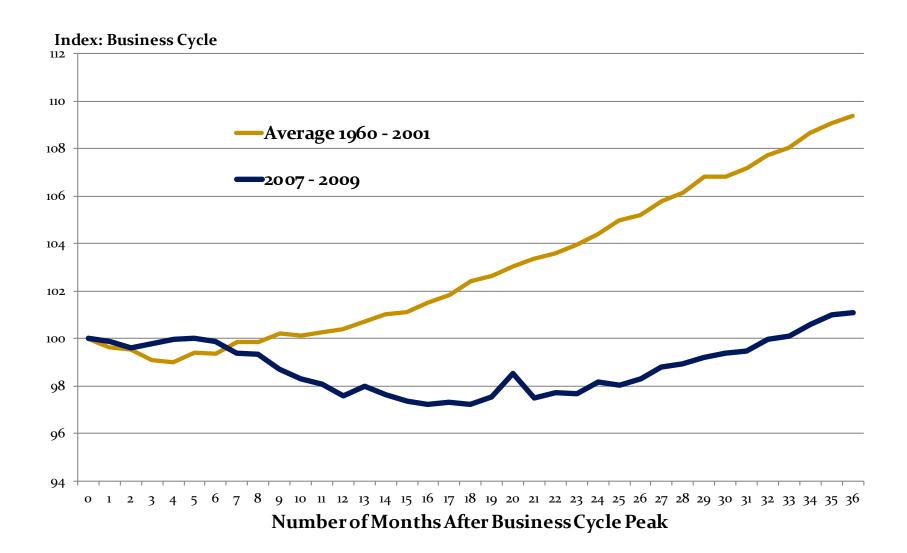


What Are People Buying?





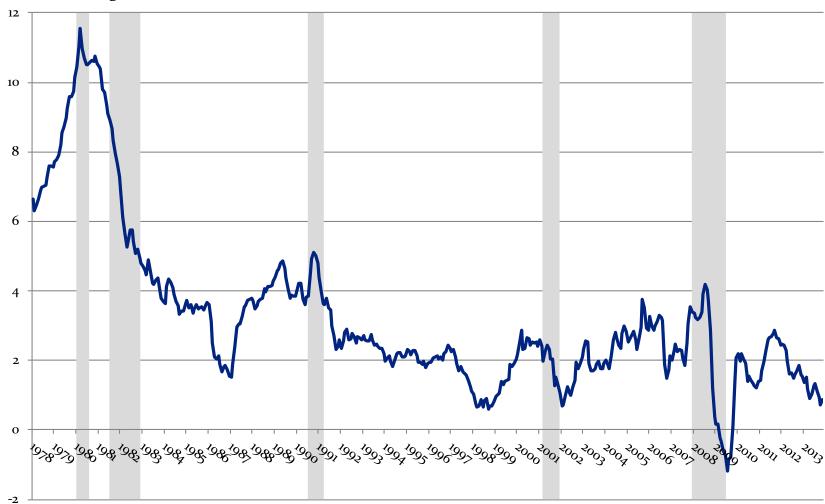
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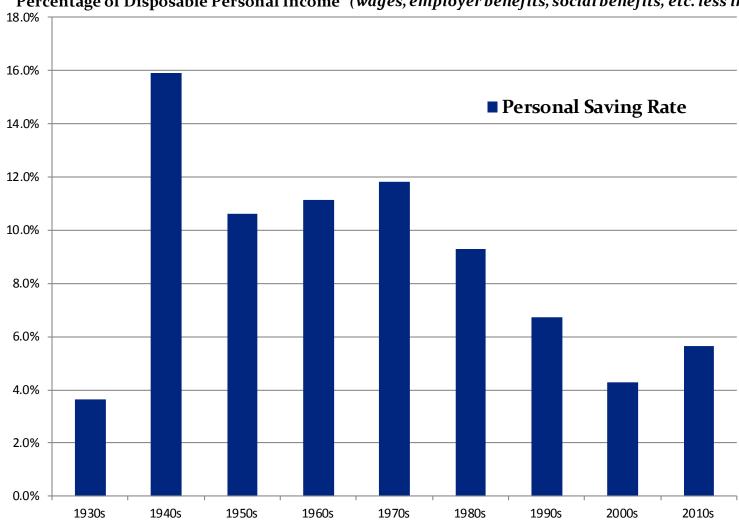
PCE Price Index Percent Change from One Year Ago





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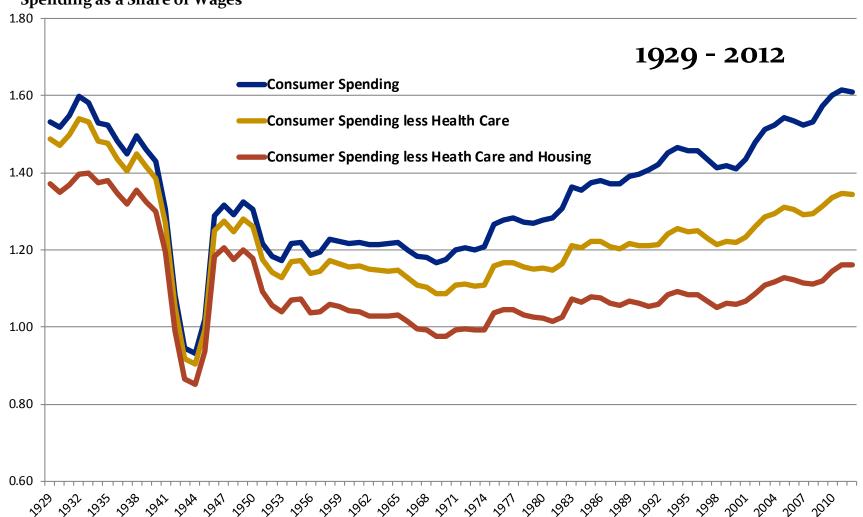
Percentage of Disposable Personal Income (wages, employer benefits, social benefits, etc. less income taxes)





Are We Spending More Than We Earn?







Who Supports Our Spending?

